

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 4-14 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 3 have been cancelled. Claims 2 and 4 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshinori, et al. in view of Applicants' admitted prior art. Claims 1 and 3 have been cancelled. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 2 and 4-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 2 depended from Claim 1. Claim 2 has been amended to independent form to include the limitations of Claim 1 and is thus believed to be allowable. Claims 5-9 depend from Claim 2.

Claim 4 depended from Claim 1. Claim 4 has been amended to independent form to include the limitations of Claim 1 and is thus believed to be allowable.

Claims 10-14 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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